

OGC HAS REVIEWED.

12 September 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : ALERT Documents Nos. 5, 7, 9, 10, and 11

1. Subject documents have been reviewed from the standpoint of their effect upon the operations of this Agency during a condition of active warfare, assuming that their issuance is otherwise in accordance with the proper authority of the Executive Office. None of the provisions of any of these documents appear on their face to present serious problems affecting the operations of this Agency. Certain provisions could, depending upon interpretation and application, result in interference with Agency operations. However, it would seem that in every case negotiations between this Agency and the other appropriate agency or official of the Government could easily resolve any difficulties that might arise. Particular comments are indicated in the following paragraphs.

2. ALERT Document No. 5.

a. Sections 2k and 3a dealing with effective utilization of manpower resources of the nation and putting general policy direction and control in the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization might require an understanding between this Agency and ODM in order to most effectively utilize Agency manpower in the interest of the Agency and the country as a whole.

b. Section 3c provides for the establishment of subordinate war emergency agencies among which might be included a War Communications Administration. The activities and directives of such a subordinate agency might be at variance with Agency communications requirements unless an appropriate understanding were arrived at between CIA and such an agency.

3. ALERT Document No. 7. This Executive Order activating the Civil Reserve Air Fleet would put a portion of the U.S. commercial air transportation system together with its management capability, personnel and facilities in direct support of the military air transport service. The Order could affect any portion of the U.S. commercial air transport fleet, wherever located and thus could

apply to CAT, Inc. Again it seems certain that appropriate understandings could be arrived at to prevent interference with Agency operations in this field.

4. ALERT Document No. 9. This Order directing recall of military reservists and registration and service of males between the ages of 18 and 45 could affect the Agency in a manner similar to the Executive Order in ALERT Document No. 5 providing for mobilization of the nations resources. Comments on that document in paragraph 2 above are applicable here.



5. ALERT Document No. 10. This Executive Order suspending voluntary enlistment in the armed forces of the United States should have no effect upon the operations of the Agency.

6. ALERT Document No. 11. This Executive Order declaring the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service to be a military service should not affect Agency operations.

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